

areas. As per the information received from the State Governments, 1627 violations were detected during the inspections carried out by some State Governments from whom reports were received. Details of number of cases reported and the action taken by them is enclosed a Statement-I (See below).

(c) to (e) As per the provisions of Child Labour (Prohibition and Regulation) Act, 1986, employment of children below 14 years is prohibited in 15 and 57 hazardous occupations and processes respectively. As per Census 2001, the number of working children in the country is 1.26 crore. As per the Census 2001, the list of major hazardous occupations and processes employing large number of children along with the number of children employed in the age group of 5-14 years is at Statement-II.

#### **WHO standards for safe drinking water**

1604. SHRI N.R. GOVINDARAJAR: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the World Health Organisation has laid down standards for safe drinking water;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether these standards are followed by Government to provide safe drinking water to the people; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof and the success achieved in applying these standards?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI CHANDRA SEKHAR SAHU): (a) to (d) The World Health Organization has provided guidelines primarily addressed to water and health regulators, policy makers and their advisors, to assist in the development of national standards. As per the guidelines of National Rural Drinking Water Quality Monitoring & Surveillance Programme, all the States and UTs were asked to follow the IS -10500 Standard laid down by the Bureau of Indian Standards.

**Statement-I**

**Details of number of cases reported and the action taken by the State Government**

Name of State	Inspection conducted	Violations detected	Action taken by the State Government
Chandigarh	71	0	
Delhi	127	26	
Haryana	112	0	
Gujarat	10389	602	371 children kept in shelter homes and 361 sent back to their parents/home.
Karnataka	6491	316	
Kerala	1125	4	One child kept in shelter home and two children sent back to parents and one child admitted to NCLP school.
M. P.		42	32 prosecution launched.
Orissa	154	200	
Punjab	1142	162	Children will be admitted to NCLP/ SSA schools after age verification from CMO
Rajasthan	371	14	Action taken against 6 employers
Tamil Nadu	1683	20	5 children sent back to their parents/home towns and for remaining action is being taken to file prosecutions
West Bengal	983	15	15 children sent back to their parents/home town
Uttar Pradesh	518	226	
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>23166</b>	<b>1627</b>	

**Statement-II**

*Occupations/processes employing children of 5-14 year age group  
and the number of children employed therein*

Sl. No.	Name of Occupation/ Processes	No. of children employed
1.	Domestic workers	185505
2.	Dhabas/Restaurants/Hotels/Motels	70934
3.	Agarbatti, Dhoop & Detergent making	13583
4.	Pan, Bidi & Cigarettes	252574
5.	Spinning/weaving	128984
6.	Construction	208833
7.	Brick-kilns, tiles	84972
8.	Gem-cutting, Jewellery	37489
9.	Carpet-making	32647
10.	Auto-workshop, vehicle repairs	49893
11.	Ceramic	18894
12.	Others	135162
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>1219470*</b>

\*This data is indicative as the list of hazardous occupations and processes as given in Child Labour (Prohibition and Regulation) Act, 1986 do not entirely match with the occupational classification in the Census Data.

**Substandard material/work under PMGSY**

1605. SHRI MAHENDRA MOHAN: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that National Quality Monitor had reported use of substandard material/work under PMGSY;